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SUBJ: CHANGE IN CANADIAN NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY

1. DON JAMIESON, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTAFF, STATED TO HOUSE OF COMMONS ON DEC 22 A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF SAFEGUARD REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT OF CANADIAN REACTORS AND URANIUM. FUTURE SHIPMENTS TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE RATIFYING THE NPT OR OTHERWISE ACCEPTING INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS ON THEIR ENTIRE RPT ENTIRE NUCLEAR PROGRAM. THIS EXPANDS 1974 SAFEGUARDS POLICY TO COVER NUCLEAR MATERIALS A COUNTRY RECEIVES FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS OR PRODUCES ON ITS OWN, AS WELL AS MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY CANADA.

2. JAMIESON SAID: BEGIN QUOTE WHILE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE LEGITIMATE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS OF ITS TRADING PARTNERS, IT IS DETERMINED TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO AVOID CONTRIBUTING TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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PROLIFERATION. IT IS FORTHIS REASON THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS UNILATERALLY DECIDED TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER CANADA'S SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENTS. AS IN THE PAST WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE COMMERCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF BEING CLEARLY AHEAD OF OTHER SUPPLIERS. THIS IS THE PRICE WE ARE PREPARED TO PAY TO CURB THE THREAT TO MANKIND OF

NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: ONE IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF NEW POLICY IS CUT-OFF OF NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO PAKISTAN. ALSO COULD PRECLUDE FUTURE DEALS WITH SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, ARGENTINA AND OTHER NPT NON-SIGNATORIES.

4. FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.

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